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*New Westminster as it appeared in the 1860's. It was the commercial hub of the region at that time. Gassy Jack kept the Globe Saloon here from 1865 to 1867. In the foreground is an Indian in a dugout canoe.*

On July 1, '67, the Dominion of Canada came into being with four Provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The event was not celebrated, either at New Westminster or at Douglas Springs.

July 4th, American Independence Day, was something different! The Globe's deputy-host invested Jack's spare cash in gunpowder, rockets and firecrackers; and, to top it off, drinks were on the house all day!

Jack, at the Springs, heard rumors of what was happening to his business and, though not much improved in health, hurried back to town. It was too late; he found himself ruined. As *Ancient Mariner* told it: "Gassy's strong Americanism collapsed, even the little faith he had in man's honesty vanished, and kindness he treated as if it were a mask for treachery."

What on earth was he to do now?